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## The American Paper Money Collection

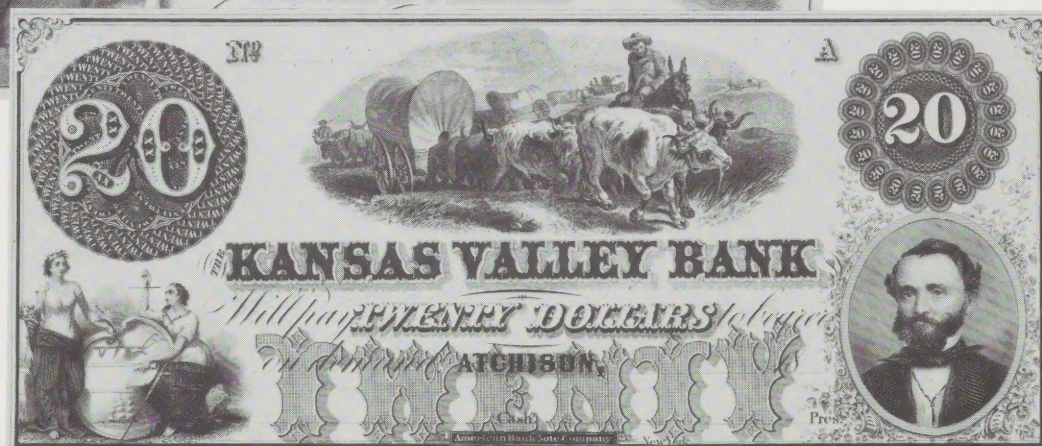
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One hundred thirty-five years ago, the American Bank Note Company was formed and immediately became the largest and most prestigious printer of paper currency in the world. Drawing on the skills of a small but select group of the world's most talented engravers, American Bank Note Company provided the United States with most of its currency for many years.



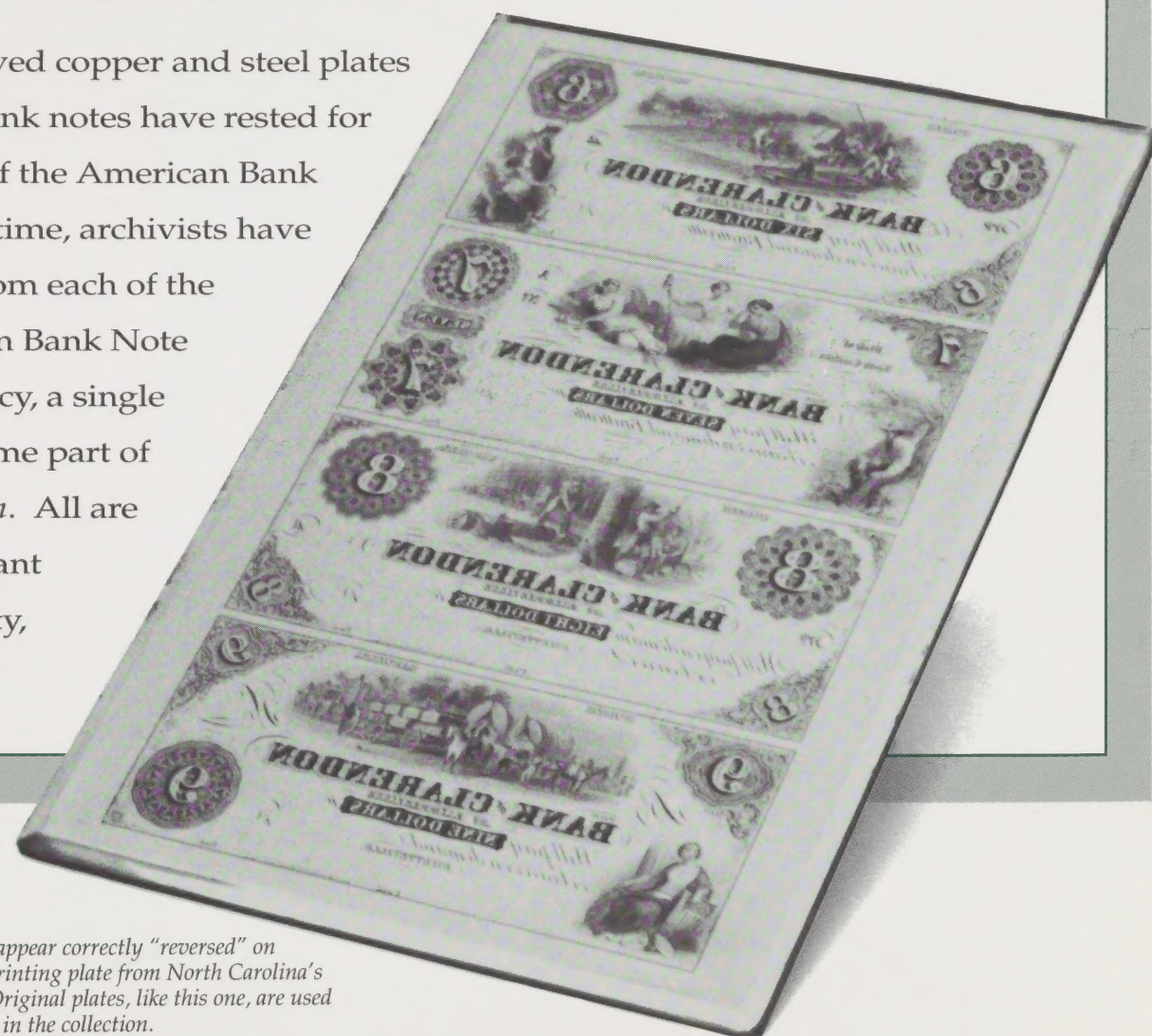
This beautiful bank note from Vermont is a perfect example of the exquisite artistry associated with the "golden age of engraving."

William Russell's portrait appears on this classically American bank note from Kansas. Subscribers will learn who he was and why his image was so appropriate for a bank situated on America's western frontier.



Bank notes from this "golden age of engraving" are among the most beautiful of all currency and they are highly sought after by collectors today. The carved steel images — majestic eagles, railroads and sailing ships, scenes of rural life and the opening of the West — on literally thousands of different bank notes reflect the face and times of a growing America.

The original, intricately-engraved copper and steel plates used to create these magnificent bank notes have rested for more than a century in the vaults of the American Bank Note Company. Now, for the first time, archivists have retrieved the "best of the best." From each of the thirty-six states for which American Bank Note Company created a piece of currency, a single bank note has been chosen to become part of *The American Paper Money Collection*. All are bank notes of great beauty, significant historical importance, extreme rarity, or of unusual or high face value.



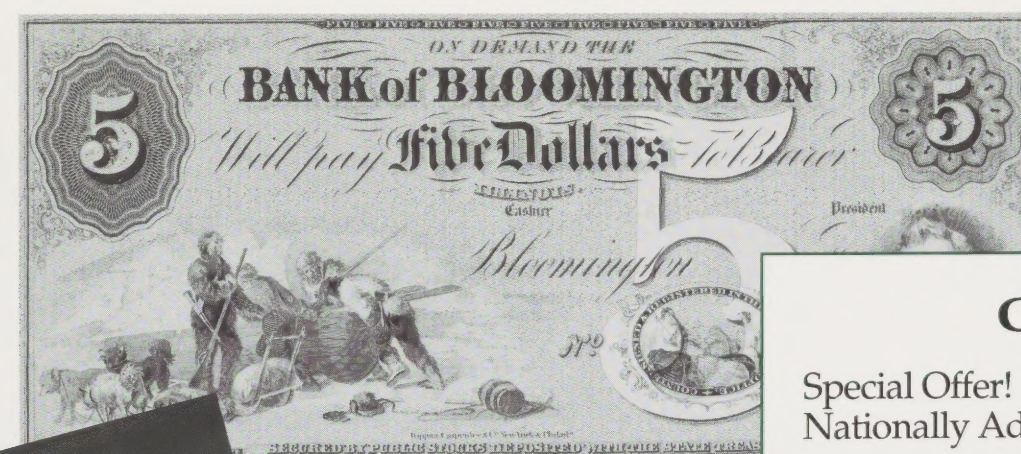
Vignettes and text appear correctly "reversed" on this 19th century printing plate from North Carolina's Clarendon Bank. Original plates, like this one, are used to create every note in the collection.

Using original 19th century plates and modern 20th century technology, stunning replica bank notes are printed on special intaglio presses capable of applying up to 90,000 pounds of pressure per square inch. This complex process ensures that every note in the collection will have the unique "look" and "feel" of a steel-engraved document. Unlike the fragile originals, special thick, acid-free paper will help to insure that every piece in *The American Paper Money Collection* will maintain its brilliant appearance for many years. Archival quality protective pages and a custom binder, designed to house the entire collection, will be provided at no cost to every subscriber.

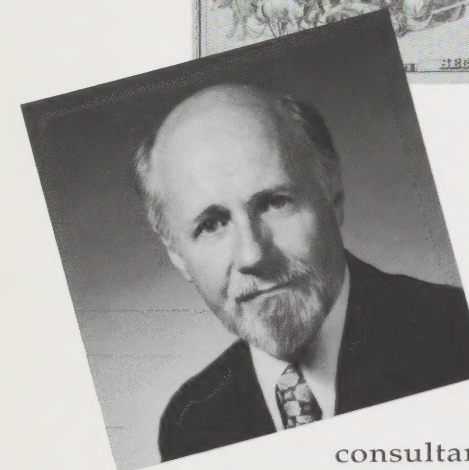


Each new bank note is hand-tipped onto specially-designed pages. The entire collection is beautifully housed in a custom-made album.

Carefully researched texts for all thirty-six bank notes bring *The American Paper Money Collection* alive! Written by Gene Hessler, widely recognized as one of this country's leading authorities on paper currency, the stories behind each bank note are fascinating insights to America's financial past. In the introduction to the series, Mr. Hessler provides subscribers with the proper historical context in which to best appreciate this outstanding collection. Of course, your complete satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed. You may at any time return a shipment within ten days of receipt and receive a full and immediate no-questions-asked refund.



A search for a lost Arctic expedition is depicted on this Illinois bank note. Subscribers will learn the fascinating details behind this unusual engraving.



Among paper money collectors, **Gene Hessler** is widely recognized as a researcher, author, editor, lecturer and consultant. He achieved national prominence as the curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum in New York, and his *Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money* is well-known to collectors. His considerable research for *The American Paper Money Collection* provides subscribers with informative and fascinating stories behind the bank notes.

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